

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 3, 2000
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; AUDREY MOORE, Community Program Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF JOE PEACH, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION
“National Records and
Information Management
Week”, April 2nd to 8th

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the week of April 2 to April 8th, 2000, to be “National Records and Information Management Week” in the City of Renton, in recognition of the fact that the management of records and information is critical to every business, organization and government agency. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Police: Volunteer of the Fourth
Quarter

Deputy Chief of Police Joe Peach and Community Program Coordinator Audrey Moore presented a plaque of appreciation to Larry Yates, who was selected as the Police Department’s Volunteer of the Fourth Quarter for 1999. Noting that Mr. Yates has contributed 837 volunteer hours since 1996, Deputy Chief Peach said his assistance in performing vacation house checks for Renton residents is valuable and greatly appreciated.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The City Council held its annual workshop on March 23rd and 24th to review the work of the previous year, discuss emerging issues, and refine the City’s Business Plan. The vision, mission and goals of the Business Plan will remain largely unchanged, with minor modifications to some of the strategies within the goal areas.
- ✱ Full width paving of Main Ave. S. will be finished by Tuesday, April 4th, weather permitting.
- ✱ The City’s new A-frame sign ordinance takes effect Monday, April 10th. As of that day, businesses must have a valid permit to display an A-frame sign.
- ✱ The Municipal Arts Commission is hosting a free public reception for Edmonds artist d’Elaine Johnson on Friday, April 7th at Carco Theatre.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Bahr –
Airport Restaurant Property
(Seaplane Hangar Proposal)

Fred Bahr, 320 Pilchuck Ave. SW, Issaquah, 98027, said he had been interested in obtaining the leasehold for the Municipal Airport restaurant building from Specialty Restaurants, but was not successful in doing so. Now that the City has terminated this lease for non-performance, he would like to pursue building a hangar facility on this site for a fixed base seaplane operation.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS REQUEST TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Mayor Tanner invited Mr. Bahr to formally submit his proposal in written form so that staff can evaluate and respond to it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appeal: SR-167 Resurfacing
Noise Variance, WSDOT
(Board of Public Works
Decision)

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

City Clerk submitted appeal of the Board of Public Work's decision on the request from the Washington State Department of Transportation for a noise variance to complete roadway resurfacing on SR-167 in the vicinity of the I-405 to SR-900 couplet. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Planning: Downtown
Identification Signs Revisions

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted proposed amendments to City Code to revise the provisions for downtown identification signs for mid- and high-rise buildings of a minimum of 40 feet in order to exempt taller buildings with freeway orientation from the more restrictive sign regulations applicable in the downtown core. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Halinen –
Rolled Curbs Request (Liberty
Ridge)

Correspondence was read from David L. Halinen, 10500 NE 8th St., Suite 1900, Bellevue, 98004, requesting that the City allow rolled curbs and gutters to be installed in the Liberty Ridge development rather than standard vertical curbs.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER ALONG WITH TWO PREVIOUS LETTERS REGARDING ROLLED CURBS (FROM BRAD HUGHES AND MARLEEN MANDT; SEE COUNCIL MEETING OF 3/27/00) TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Bannecker –
Utility Shutoffs at Multi-
Family Properties

Correspondence was read from Randy Bannecker, 2240 East Blaine St., Seattle, 98112, writing on behalf of the Apartment Association of Seattle and King County, requesting certain changes to the City's policy and procedures relating to overdue utility bills for multi-family properties. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS**Finance Committee**

Human Resources: Policy &
Procedure #300-60 Amendment
(Classification Series)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend Policy and Procedure #300-60 to include Planning Technician I, II and Recreation Specialist I, II to the classification series.

The addition of the Recreation Specialist I, II to the classification series will provide the Recreation Division the opportunity to recruit and train at a lower level. They will have the ability to expand the learning process by assigning a small portion of programs or projects to help bridge the skill level and to be able to promote more efficiently.

The Human Resources and Risk Management Department requested creation of a Planning Technician series on behalf of the Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department. The request is for a Planning Technician I, entry level grade 9, and a Planning Technician II, at a grade 13. The Planning Technician II, grade 13 was approved in the budget. This series will allow initial hiring at an entry level to facilitate training, but provide a promotional opportunity when an employee has the required work experience and expertise. It is anticipated that, depending upon their education and expertise, an employee might stay in the Planning Technician I position for approximately two years before becoming eligible for the Planning Technician II.

These changes are to be effective March 27, 2000. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Legal: Fines for False Alarms

Councilman Schiltzer reported that the Public Safety Committee will continue to meet on the subject of fines for false alarms for the next few months. He encouraged citizen input on this subject to help the City formulate final regulations.

Development Services: Rolled Curbs Requests

Referring to the request from Labrador Ventures for rolled curbs at the Clover Creek development, Mr. Schlitzer said it was his understanding that the developer is seeking a quick resolution to this matter as the time is fast approaching for the project's sidewalk installation. Mayor Tanner expected that the information requested by Council last week on this subject will be available later this week.

Councilman Persson cautioned against rushing a decision on this issue, noting that it has the potential to impact Renton significantly. He preferred allowing sufficient time to carefully consider this proposal.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler added that granting the request for rolled curbs would require an amendment to City Code, which generally involves a lengthy process.

Councilman Clawson requested specific information on City Code requirements for curbs. (See later this page for more discussion of this issue.)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance #4836

Police: Valley Communications Center, Creation of PDA

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read approving the formation of the Valley Communications Center Development Authority. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Hughes – Rolled Curbs Request for Clover Creek (Labrador Ventures)

Brad Hughes, 1323 N. 28th St., Renton, 98056, reiterated his request on behalf of Labrador Ventures for rolled curbs at the Clover Creek development on Lake Washington Boulevard. Saying that he was willing to delay work for up to three weeks in anticipation of an answer on this request, he shared several photographs taken by him illustrating the differences between rolled and vertical curbs. Mr. Hughes emphasized that, in his opinion, rolled curbs are more aesthetically pleasing and safer, and provide better flow control for stormwater.

Responding to Council President Corman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman said efforts will be made to inform any residents who have recently commented on the issue of rolled vs. vertical curbs of

upcoming meetings on this subject. Mayor Tanner requested that copies of any correspondence pertaining to this be made available to the Planning & Development Committee.

Citizen Comment: Poole –
Rolled Curbs Request for
Clover Creek (Labrador
Ventures)

Matt Poole, 12203 – 62nd Ave. E., Puyallup, WA, spoke as one of the Clover Creek builders and as someone who plans to live in the development. He desired rolled curbs for safety reasons, explaining that these make it easier for cyclists to move from the street to the sidewalk whenever a car approaches. He said one problem with vertical curbing is that some residents consider the sidewalk to be part of their driveway, and park their cars extending into the sidewalk. He concluded that rolled curbs require drivers to slow down when entering their driveways, enhancing safety for pedestrians and other sidewalk users.

Citizen Comment: Brewis –
Rolled Curbs Request for
Clover Creek (Labrador
Ventures)

Dan Brewis, 11026 – 100th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA, spoke as the other builder of the Clover Creek development. Emphasizing that the request for rolled curbs is not based on selfishness, he said rather, it is made with the interests of the new community in mind. Noting that some of the streets in Clover Creek are lengthy, he feared that vertical curbs would create a “roller coaster” effect along these stretches. He claimed that rolled curbs cost as much to install as vertical curbs, and feared that some buyers of pre-sales in the development might decide that they want their garage to be located on the opposite side of the lot from where the driveway cut in the vertical curb was originally installed, necessitating removal and re-installation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:21 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
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